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1. USS ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS (UEC) VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID CARR INFORMS THAT COMPANY IS CURRENTLY HOLDING
SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH CHINA STEEL CHAIRMAN MA.

ACCORDING TO CARR MA HAS INFERRED THAT JAPANESE ARE
EXERTING STRONG PRESSURE ON ROC TO SELECT NIPPON STEEL
AS THEIR CONSULTANT ON STEP 2. THERE IS NO INDICATION AS
TO FORM OF PRESSURE ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT JAPANESE MAY BE
OFFERING AMONG OTHER THINGS AN ATTRACTIVE FINANCING
PACKAGE. AS EMBASSY AWARE SELECTION OF NIPPON STEEL COULD
HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON THE DEGREE OF U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN THE STEP 2 PROGRAM.

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2. IN ORDER TO BRIEF EMBASSY FULLY ON STATUS OF DEVELOP-

MENTS UEC'S CARR WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND COM ATTACHE AT POST'S CONVENIENCE ON JULY 28. WE SUGGEST THAT POST BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH CARR ANY INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED ON JAPANESE INTENTIONS AS WELL AS BEST MEANS FOR SUPPORTING UEC'S PROPOSAL ON STEP 2. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON STATUS PLANS FOR

STEP 2 AS WELL AS POST ASSESSMENT OF MA'S COMMENTS. PLEASE CONFIRM CARR'S APPOINTMENT BY JULY 19 SINCE HE IS LEAVING FOR FAR EAST ON JULY 20. KISSINGER

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